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Contractor Pleads Guilty to Felony Theft of Sales Tax

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 18, 2003 — A Seattle contractor pled guilty this week to stealing more than \$65,000 in state sales tax he collected on work for a well known retirement community.

James M. Donohue, 35, agreed to repay \$65,305 in taxes plus \$19,450 in interest and penalties as part of a plea agreement. He still faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$20,000 fine.

King County Superior Court Judge Kenneth Comstock set sentencing for Jan. 30, but the sentencing date may be postponed until March to give Donohue more time to make restitution.

The Washington State Attorney General's Office filed the charges against Donohue, the owner of J.J.D. Construction, Inc., at the request of the Department of Revenue.

The Department of Revenue uncovered Donohue's theft during an audit, which found that he had reported only about a quarter of the remodeling and maintenance work he had done for the Providence Point Homeowners Association.

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